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H. R. 6016

To amend title 39, United States Code, to require post offices to have running water and sanitation facilities and prohibiting the closure of post offices based on a lack of running water and sanitation facilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2008

Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Post Office Moderniza-
5 tion Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. WATER AND SANITATION REQUIREMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new section:

5 **“§ 417. Water and sanitation requirements**

6 “The Postal Service shall ensure that every post of-
7 fice has access to running water and to bathroom facilities
8 connected to either a sewer system or a septic tank.”.

9 (b) NON-CONFORMING POST OFFICES.—Not later
10 than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
11 the Postal Service shall begin upgrades to ensure compli-
12 ance with the requirements of section 417, United States
13 Code (as added by subsection (a)).

14 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF CLOSURE BASED ON LACKING FA-**
15 **CILITIES.**

16 Section 404(b)(2)(B) of title 39, United States Code,
17 is amended to read as follows:

18 “(B) may not consider—

19 “(i) compliance with any provision of
20 the Occupational Safety and Health Act of
21 1970 (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.); or

22 “(ii) whether the requirements of sec-
23 tion 417 are met in connection with the
24 post office.”.